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EZRA RIPLEY THAYER, for four years Dean of the Harvard Law School, died suddenly on Tuesday, September 14, less than two weeks before the opening of the term. From the tributes in another part of this issue may be gained an appreciation of the incalculable sense of loss which his death has left among the legal profession as a whole, as well as among the friends of the Law School. The loss was felt no less keenly among the students of the School. Indeed it is not easy to express in words the personal sorrow of those whom academic work had brought into intimate contact with him. Among the many treasures which these men will carry away from their course at the Law School there are few that they will prize more highly than the memory of Dean Thayer as a teacher, a legal scholar, and a friend.

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THE LAW SCHOOL. — The death of Dean Thayer has necessitated the appointment of an Acting Dean. The choice has fallen on Prof. Austin W. Scott, whose previous experience as a teacher in the School, and as Dean, for one year, of the Law School of Iowa State College, renders him peculiarly fitted to fill the responsible position. A rearrangement of some of the courses of instruction has also been rendered necessary. The course on Evidence will this year be given by Arthur D. Hill, LL.B. '94, and the course on Torts by Chester A. McLain,